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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :

Inventors: Tanner et al. Group: 2855  
Serial No. 09/665,978 Paper:  
Filed: 09/20/2000 Examiner:

For: Micromechanical apparatus for measurement of forces

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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20213

October 24, 2002

Sir:

PETITION TO REVIVE APPLICATION

Applicants hereby petition under 37 CFR §1.137(b)(3) to revive the aforementioned unintentionally abandoned application. Associated fees can be withdrawn from Deposit Account 19-0131.

The facts of this case are that a Notice to File Missing Parts was mailed by the Office on October 26, 2000. Our internal time stamp indicates that we received said Action on November 8, 2000. The Office, not having received a timely response, sent us a Notice of Abandonment on August 28, 2002.

I am not certain how this lapse on our part occurred. It appears that I was on sick leave when the Notice to File Missing Parts was received, and hence was unaware of its arrival. However, the Notice to File was not entered into our docketing system, so as a result I was not reminded of the Notice by our "tickler" system.

In any case, I can state for the record that I was unaware of the Notice to File Missing Parts until the Notice of Abandonment was received, and that the lack of response, the

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subsequent abandonment, and the delay in submitting this petition was unintentional.

Applicants enclose a properly signed copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney as required by the Notice of Missing Parts.

Applicants request that this application be revived as unintentionally abandoned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian W. Dodson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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